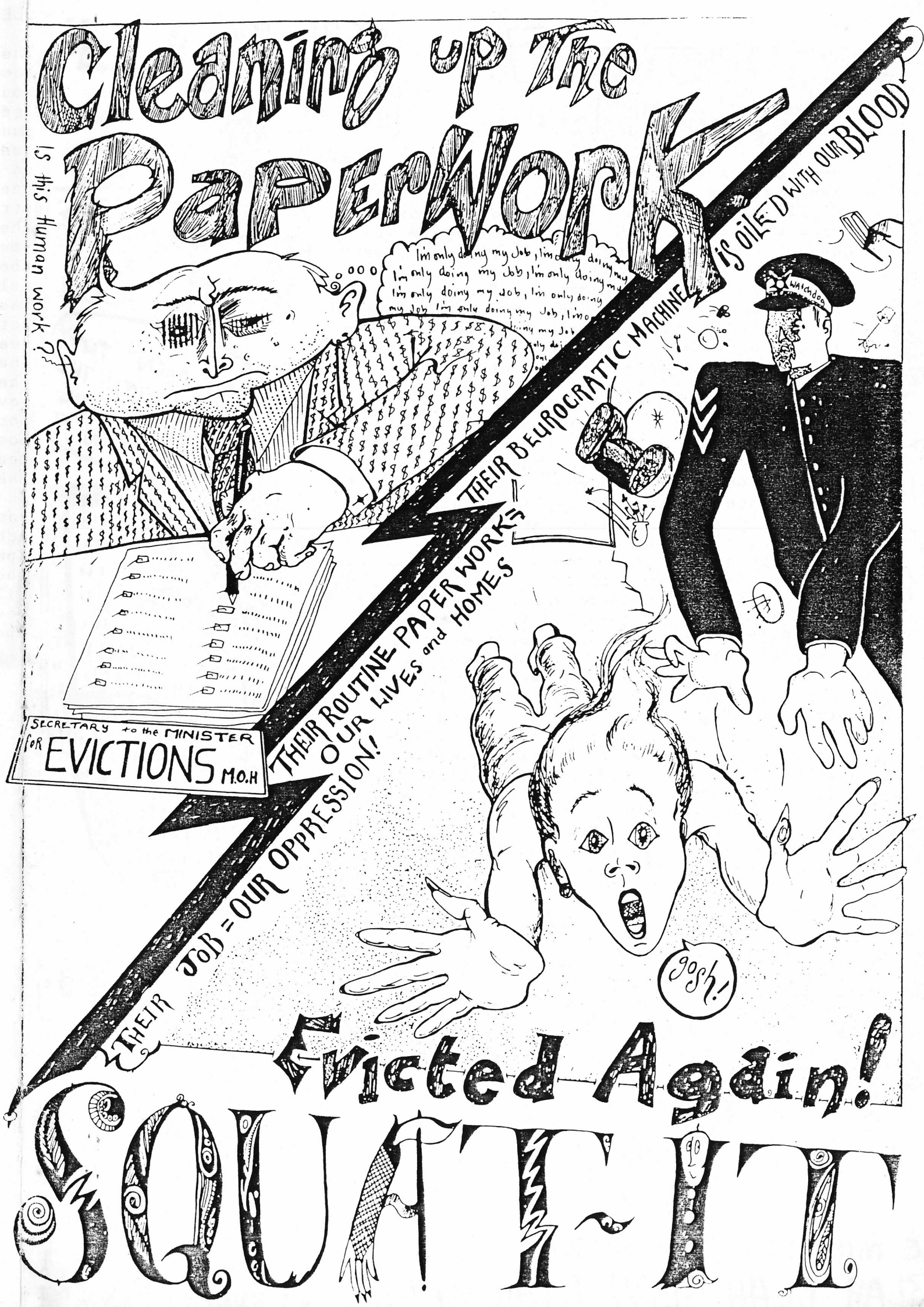
Cleaning up The Paperwork


Is this human work?
I'm only doing my job, I'm only doing my job, I'm only doing my job,

SQUATTING IN CROYDON..

Been over a month now, still no uncopeable hassles. Had a couple of visits from local DIGNITARIES (oooooh!), but no-one seems to know what to do with us, so they leave well enough alone. The vegie garden,(quaint touch of domesticity for you) is going really well, same goes for the neighbours. They have been really good, offering support and occasionally raspberry jam (Thanx Kay). We have three more people with us now, they originally moved into a squat across the road, but it was being sold so they got evicted after eighteen hours. The police were very polite, however.(Amazing) Pity I cant say the same about the goon squad at Watsonia. The peace marchers were punched, dragged, thrown etc. etc. One M.P. let his true colours be known when, in a fit of red-nosed rage he proclaimed- If it wasnt for us you could all be looking JAPANESE. (Ooooh, Aaaargghh!!! Fate worse than death!!) When questioned about the wrongness in looking Japanese,his father figure told him to - Quote - Keep your mouth shut - Unquote. We have racists protecting us from the *RED* *THREAT*. Anyway, it was pretty good, noting that the majority of people willing to listen instead of degrade were young people hopefully as yet untainted by the Systems brainwashing of - We know best, you just obey. Blah, blah not much more to say about Croydon except that its great, excellent house (that we intend to fight all the way for) and really good people and we intend to set up a Squatters Group here.Get the phone on for evictions etc. (Money, money, money ta la) Thats about all from the Croydon Country Club. Remember-peace and unity.

EEP
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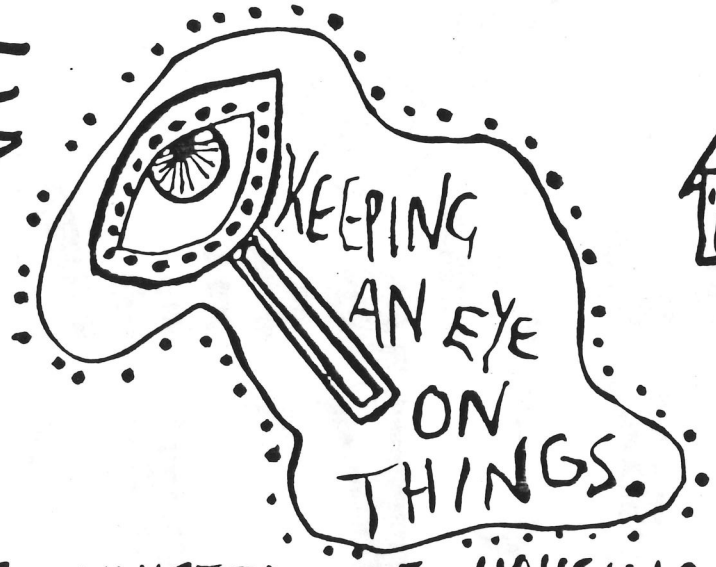
BOYS

HA HA HA HA HA

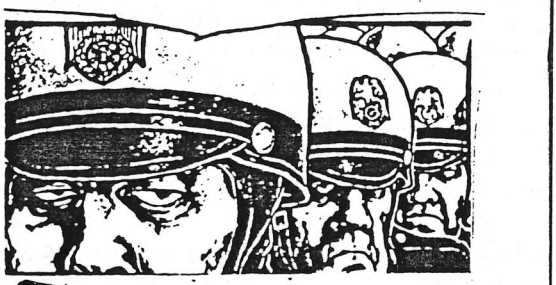


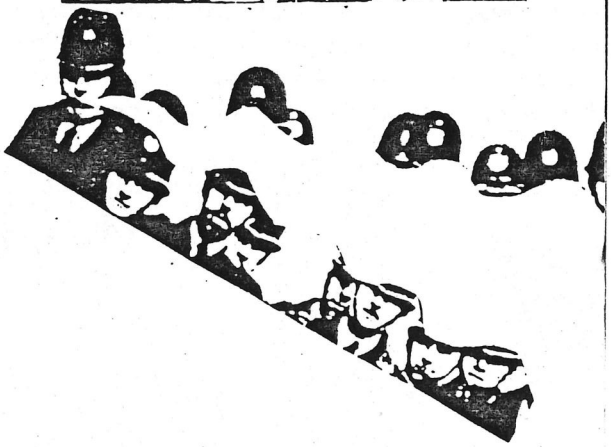
THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING SAYS....
BLAH BLAH BLAH, BLAH BLAH BLAH.

WHAT FOLLOWS IS AN ARTICE, PRINTED IN AN ENGLISH SQUATTING MAGAZINE CALLED "CROWBAR" LATE LAST YEAR, WHICH WE OBTAINED FROM A ENGLISH SQUATTER.

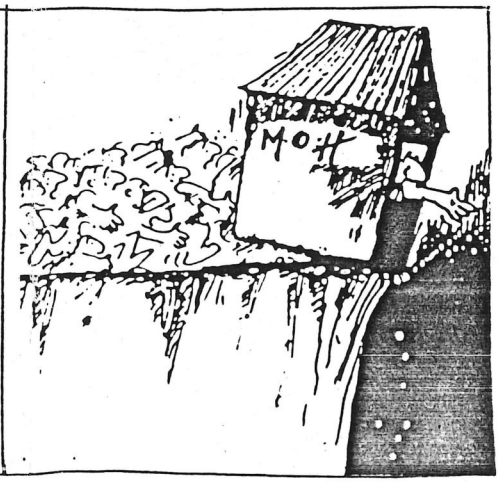
DEMOS DELAY EVICTIONS. Southwark, England.

Over the last few months 560 squats were taken to court in the latest outbreak of squat bashing fever. Early September the council finally got it together to start actually evicting squats, bluffing that they were aiming at 30 evictions a week. 50 squatters were present to give the bail iffs a warm welcome (eggs, waterhoses, flour etc) Two meatwagons and three hours latter the flat was evicted, seven occupants arrested and released with cautions.
Four more flats were scheduled for that day, but the thugs decided to give it a rest.
It was not until a week later that bailiffs came into action again, but they are already so far behind schedule, that squats that have been served and bailiffs notices, still don't know if, or when they are being evicted.(The notices give an eviction date so and so AND THEREAFTER.)
The SNOW alarm and support network is on full alert, but it is obvious that its going to take years to do all these evictions, and all the council has succeeded in, is to create another waiting list. It is crucial meanwhile, that whenever an eviction may occur that it takes them as long as possible and make sure that they will never be able to evict the ratio of flats they have in mind. Well its obvious innit? The cops expressed their concern to a local paper; " next time we can expect bottles or bricks"..?!!
*The average lifetime of a squat in Southwark is still at least a year.





Fri 4th oct... Over 150 people turned up to protest at Southwark Town Hall. The eviction meeting was completely disrupted, yet another victory for SNOW!!!!



STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...

COBURG SQUAT.

At 10pm last night(27.2.86) a group of 12 squatters crept into a 3 bedroom shopfront in Coburg.
We weren't silent for long...a few anxious moments as bolts were fitted to the front & back doors then, hey-presto! Instant squat!
The property belonged to the infamous ministry of housing which had a branch office 2 doors down.
Snicker...snicker!
What what was the ministry of HOUSING doing renting a commercial premisses?
Why wasn't it rented to someone on the waiting list?
Anyone interested in a shopfront?
To find the answer to these and other exciting questions stay in tune for the next SQUAT IT.

It's a crime to be poor

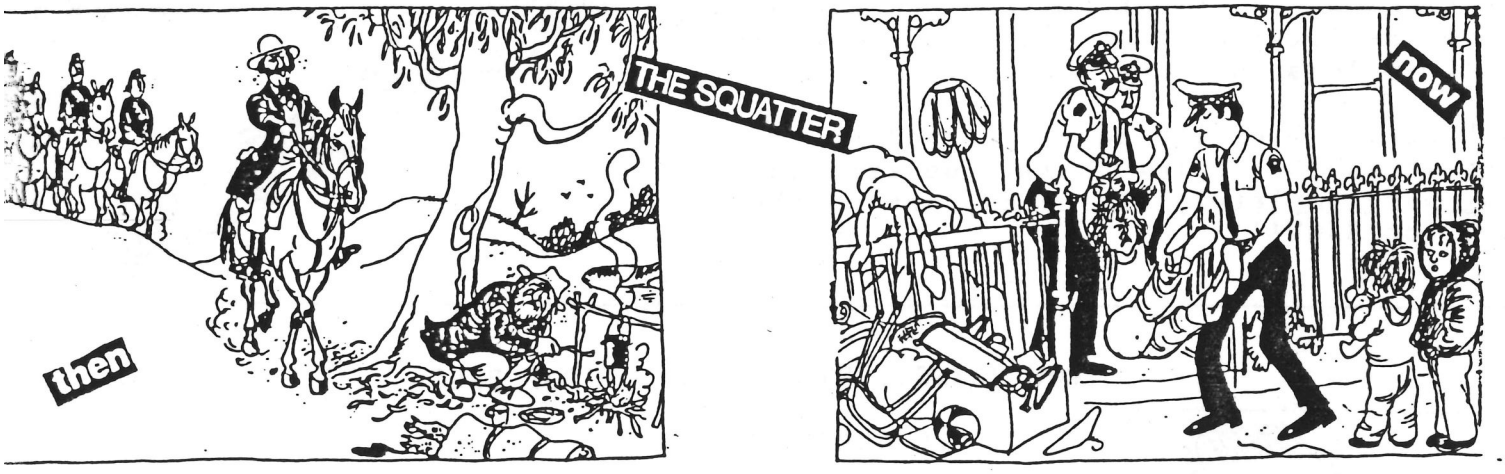
: myth that the unemployed are confron-
l with, is that the dole is too high.
.ng unemployed, in other words knowing
.t I get each fortnight, and acknowledge-
; what THEY classifie as OUR needs.
:an say beyond doubt that the wage we
: doesn't even satisfy our basic needs.
: of the hardships that face unemployed
homelessness.

The private rental market
quite inaccessable for all unemployed.
by luck you can get a house through
the private market, half or more of your meager wage goes into rent. Then you're forced to face other hardships as starvation, living without electricity etc. On the other hand there is public housing that being accessible to dolees, but, and there is a but, you'll probably have to wait 3 to 10 years before they find you a suitable accomodation. In the mean time you can go live where ever, it is not their problem.

when the rich own the law

If you start taking what
.u need you;ll probably be an outlaw
.d that is what happens when you squat.
.uatting at this time in this society,
: illegal. But the laws in this present
'stem protect more property than they
eople. The law about squatting was
.ed about a decade ago, when poor
started squatting. Remember how
called great country was started
squatting. The difference between
.n and now, is that in that time; squatt-
:s took MORE land than they needed.
.d they most of the time got rid of the
.ople who use to live on the land. This
: blessed by the church and protected
the law. Today we only squat because
we are forced in doing so, and we only take what we need. We also never move in an occupied house, we always squat unutilized buildings, that the landlord private or public has forgotten or is using to speculate. And we are considered as criminals.

Squatting is not a longtime solution to homelessness. Homelessness will always exist in a society where peopl instead of th community owns the land. Squatting is only an immediate solution. So if you've got nowhere to sleep tonight and you believe that housing is a right and not a privilege. Don't wait any longer SQUAT.



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know of any empty houses, please
: the squatters union (4190047)
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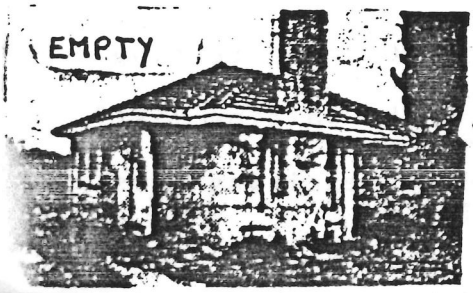
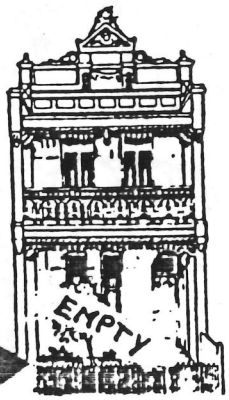
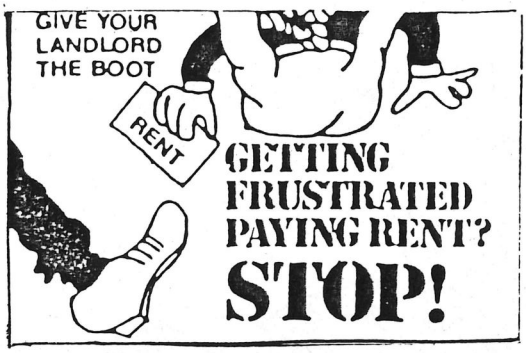
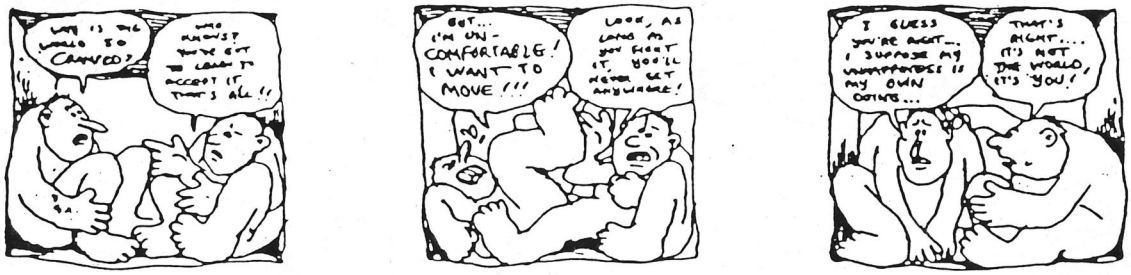


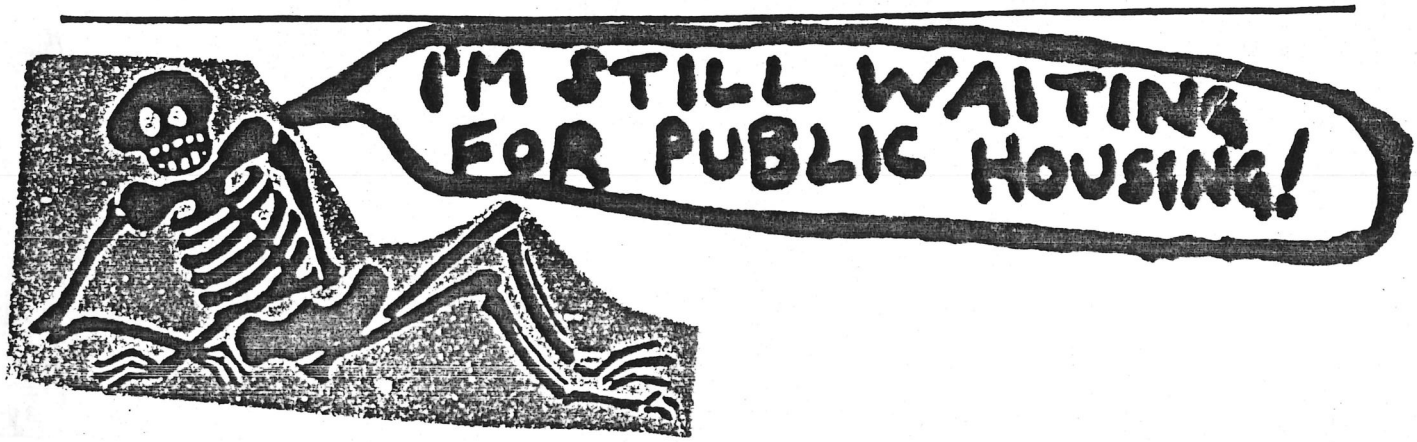


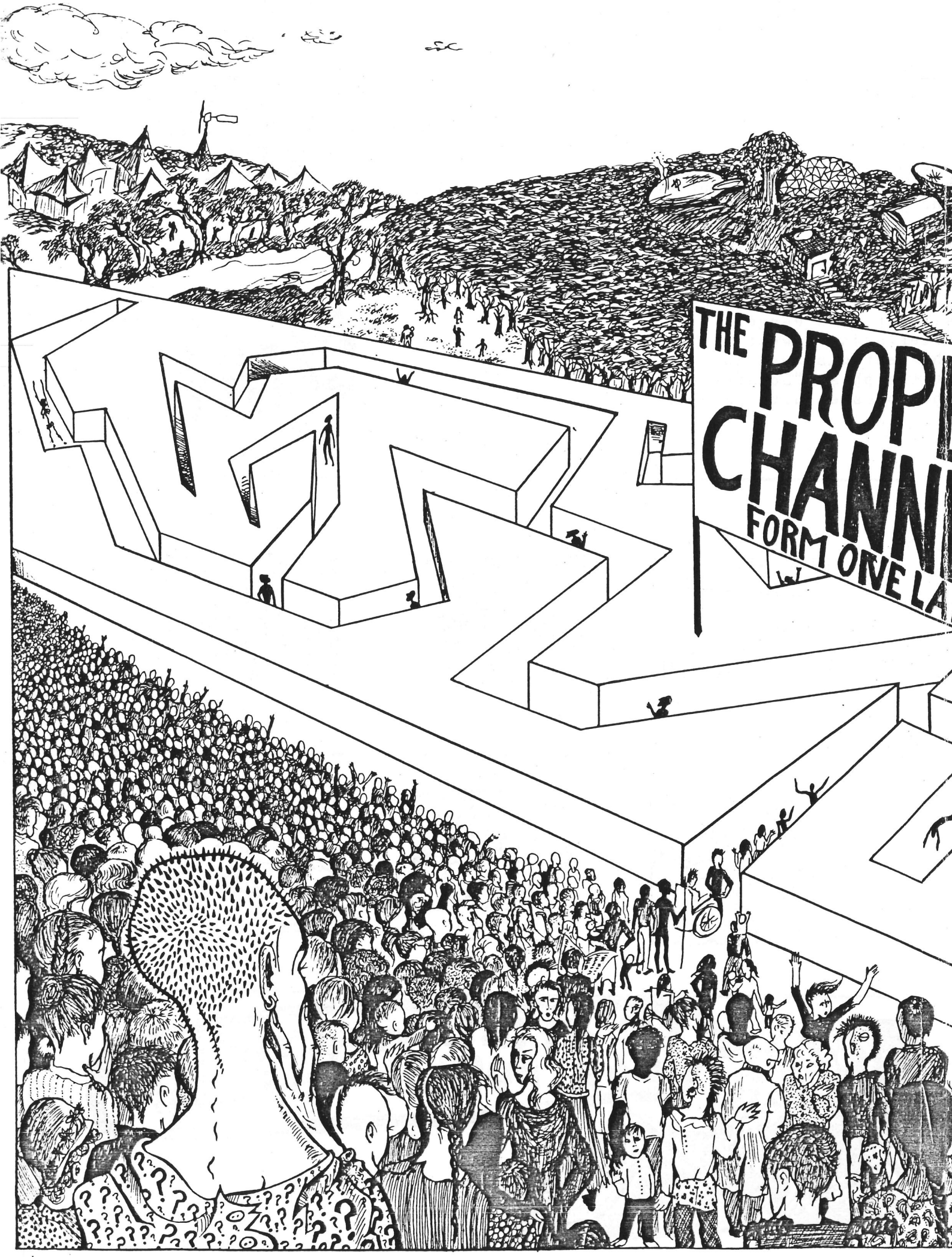
SQUAT

Around the floral clock,
on a sunny Saturday,
we gathered picnicing,
with things to say.
The count was thirty,
the rag-tag gathered there,
under the trees,
we made our lair.
With proper housing-workers,
and colourful looking squatters,
policy was discussed with clinking bottles,
by the end we had the the totters.
We even had a visit,
from the local ranger,
but he was dissimissed,
without much danger,
Afterwards we went visiting,
the tentents were annoyed,
at the phrase"Squatters Union",
they became quite paranoid.




BUT... I'M UN-COMFORTABLE! I WANT TO MOVE!!!
LOOK, AS LONG AS YOU FRONT IT, YOU'LL NEVER GET ANYWHERE!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT... I SUPPOSE MY UNHAPPINESS IS MY OWN DOING...
THAT'S RIGHT.... IT'S NOT THE WORLD, IT'S YOU!

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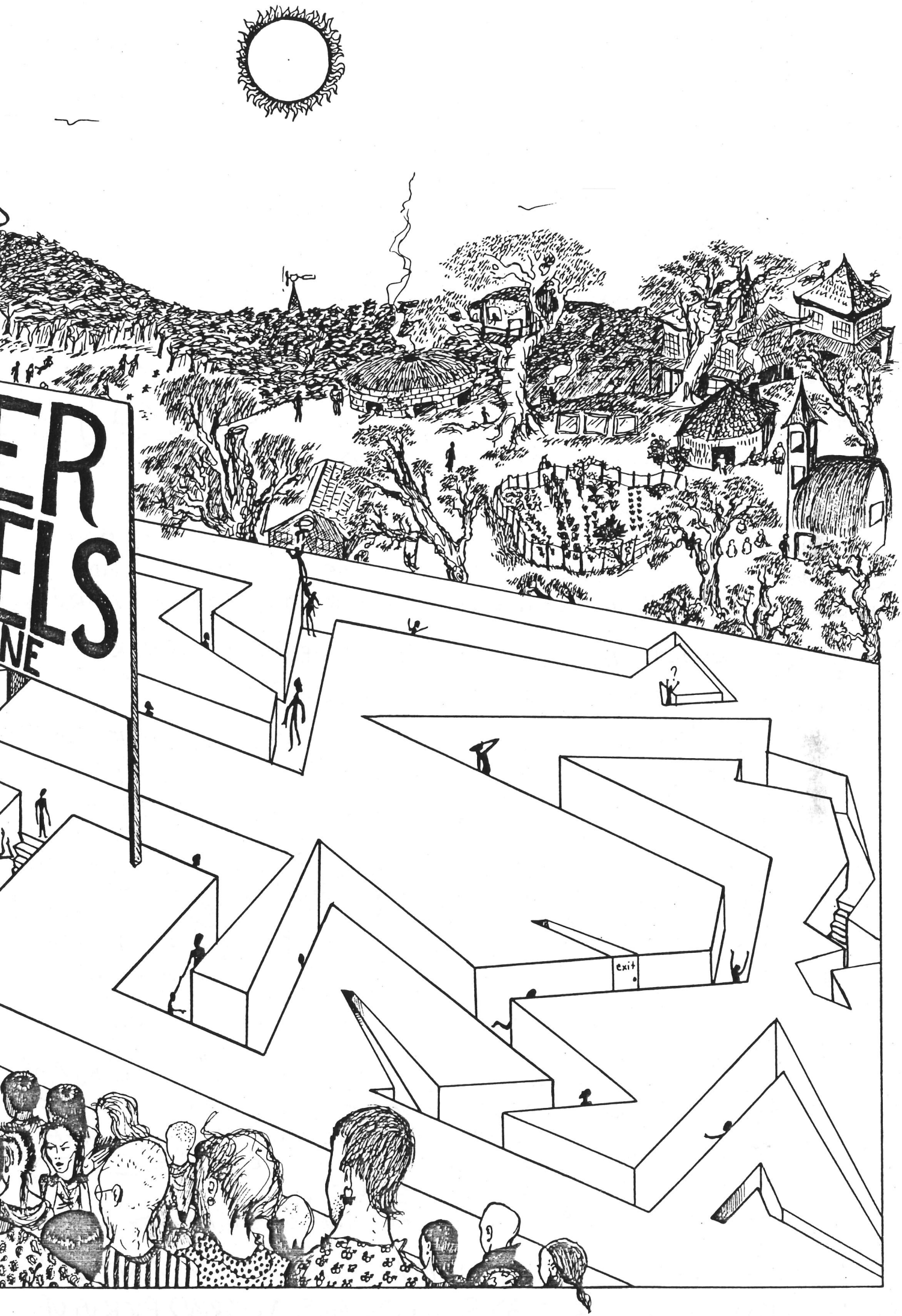
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SQUATTING...

COUNTRY STYLE (HUMEVALE VIC NEAR WITTELSEA)

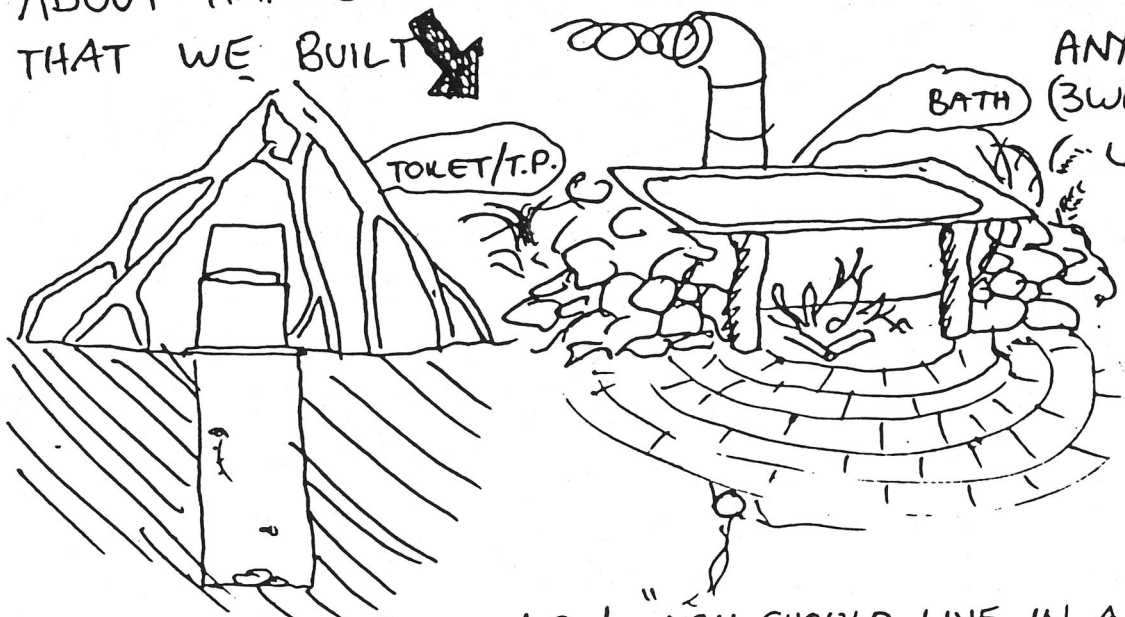
(KINDA LIKE A HOLIDAY)

A FRIEND + I WERE DRIVING THROUGH THE COUNTRY SIDE + WE COME ROUND A CORNER.... THERE IT WAS! A LITTLE COTTAGE JUST WAITING FOR SQUATTERS.

WE LOOKED AT EACH OTHER + SAID... YES!

THIS PLACE WAS PRIVATELY OWNED AND HAD BEEN LEFT TO THE FAMILY OF SOME OLD FELLA. WHO HAD PAST AWAY. IT HAD BEEN EMPTY FOR ABOUT 4 MONTHS + PREVIES TO THAT IT HAD BEEN SQUATTED IN (PAYING RATES $130 YR) FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS!

3 OF US MOVED IN AND WERE PRETTY FAIRDINKUM ABOUT HANGEN THERE FOR A WHILE... SO ↑ ↑ ↑ THAT WE BUILT



ANYWAY.. ONE DAY (3WEEKS LATER) A REAL LADY LOBBED UP. IN A RED SPORTSCAR

AND WE ←

BEGAN ARGUING!

"YOU SHOULD LIVE IN A FLAT" ⇒ "NAA"
"IVE DONE IT" ⇒ "OH YE"
"SQUATTERS ARE ALL THE SAME" ⇒ "NAA"
"HOW CAN YOU LIVE LIKE THIS" ⇒ "EEZY"
SHE SAID.
"ONE WEEK OR THE COPS COME" ⇒ "NAA."

HAVENT QUITE GOT THE SPACE HERE TO GO RGHT INTO IT BUT WE HAD TO SPLIT. IN 2 WEEKS.

THE PLACE STARTED SHITTING US OFF ANYWAY. 3 COP VISITS IN 3 DAYS – LOCALS WOULD PICK US UP

STOP THE ROT - JUST SQUAT!

This brief article is specifically in reply to"The Gower Street Education Squat" which was published in the last SU. newsletterThe article written by 'M.T.Holmes' is worrying in many respects,and made some distinctions which are either naive at best,or elitist in the extreme.The writer,on several occasions throughout the piece,continually criticizes the actions of some of the squatters in the Kensington squats,and states that the public image of squatters is all important and must be preserved at all costs.Suddenly 'squatters' who choose to ignorethis public image are labelled as irresponsible and abusers.This then leads on to the nitty-gritty of who in fact should be allowed to reside in the squats.Apparently the 'right' person is gauged in some vague terms of respectability rather than on being without a home.This smacks somewhat of the'deserving' and 'undeserving' poor' argument where some people are deemed to have a greater need than others.The situation is straightforward;either you have shelter or you don't.We definitely don't need ,or want,self-righteous moralists taking on the role of landlords and dictating who will reside in 'their' squats.

The final insult unfolds in the final two paragraphs of this offensive article.The ill-informed amongst us find that there are now at least two types of squats -'...those to be used for political purposes...it should be treated as a political action,...and not be confused with the emergency housing side of squatting...'!!! and". . . although squatting can be seen as an alternative to the public housing farce,it should never become confused with the political side....'Just who is confused?Squatting is a necessary fact of life for many of us,and the distinction between emergency housing and political action could only seriously be proposed by someone who has the mentality of a welfare bureaucrat,orhas the option of avoiding the whole public housing arena.Either way they have missed the whole emphasis of what 'squatting' is really about.Perhaps 'squatting' as a term should itself be rejected as it implies some general acceptance of the total concept of private property.

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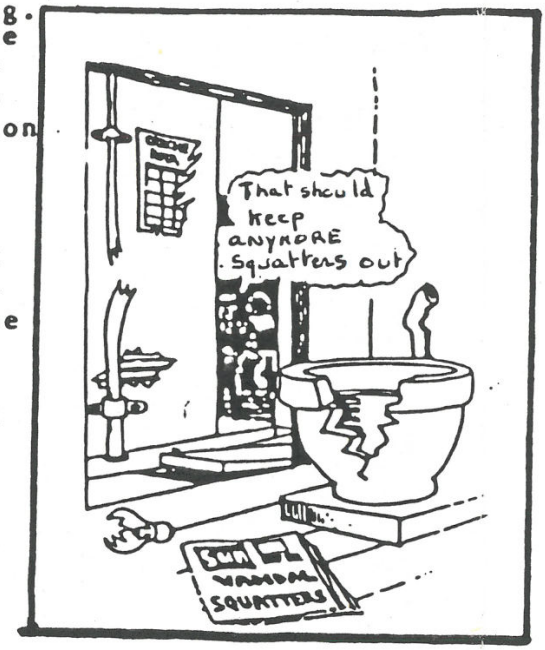
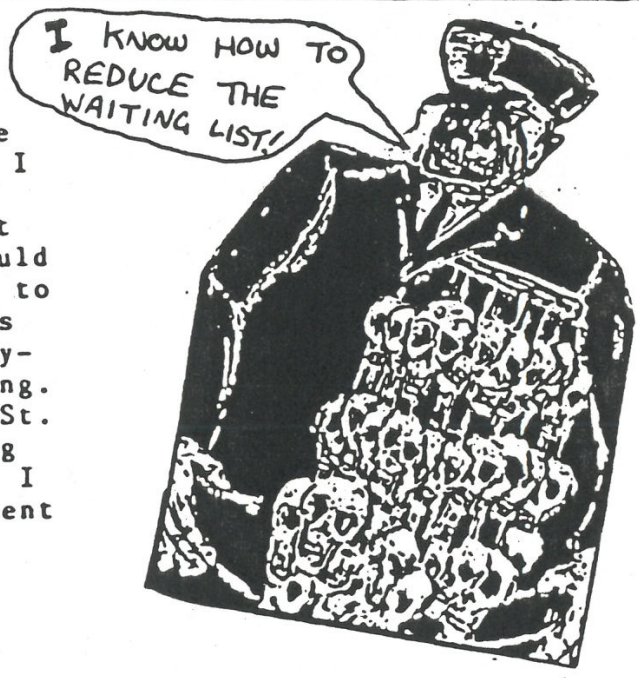
The Squatters Union needs help to find new squats (empty houses), preferably Government owned, and to defend the occupied squats from eviction and trashing. All people in the Squatters Union assisted houses are part of the one resource we have that can stop evictions. Your assistance is needed to help people keep their homes from the grasp of M.O.H. trashing/eviction squads. This assistance could be in the form of a telephone tree- a network of phones or contacts in case of pending evictions etc., or better still, by appearing in person. Everyone is aware of the extent that the M.O.H. will go to in order to de-house people. For most people however, they only have to issue an order of eviction and the people move out. No hassle, no pressure to the M.O.H. This has to stop. It is a waste of time finding a home if at the first sign of M.O.H. heaviness you are going to be homeless again. By uniting as people fighting for their homes we will be able to help stop evictions. The one person vs. the M.O.H. situation has got to stop. Homes are peoples rights, not M.O.H. priveliges, to hand out where and when they please. You have been helped by the S.U.V. to find a home, but we cannot offer back-up support to people who do not make themselves available for it.
WHEN HAS THE M.O.H. MARKED YOUR HOME FOR TRASHING??

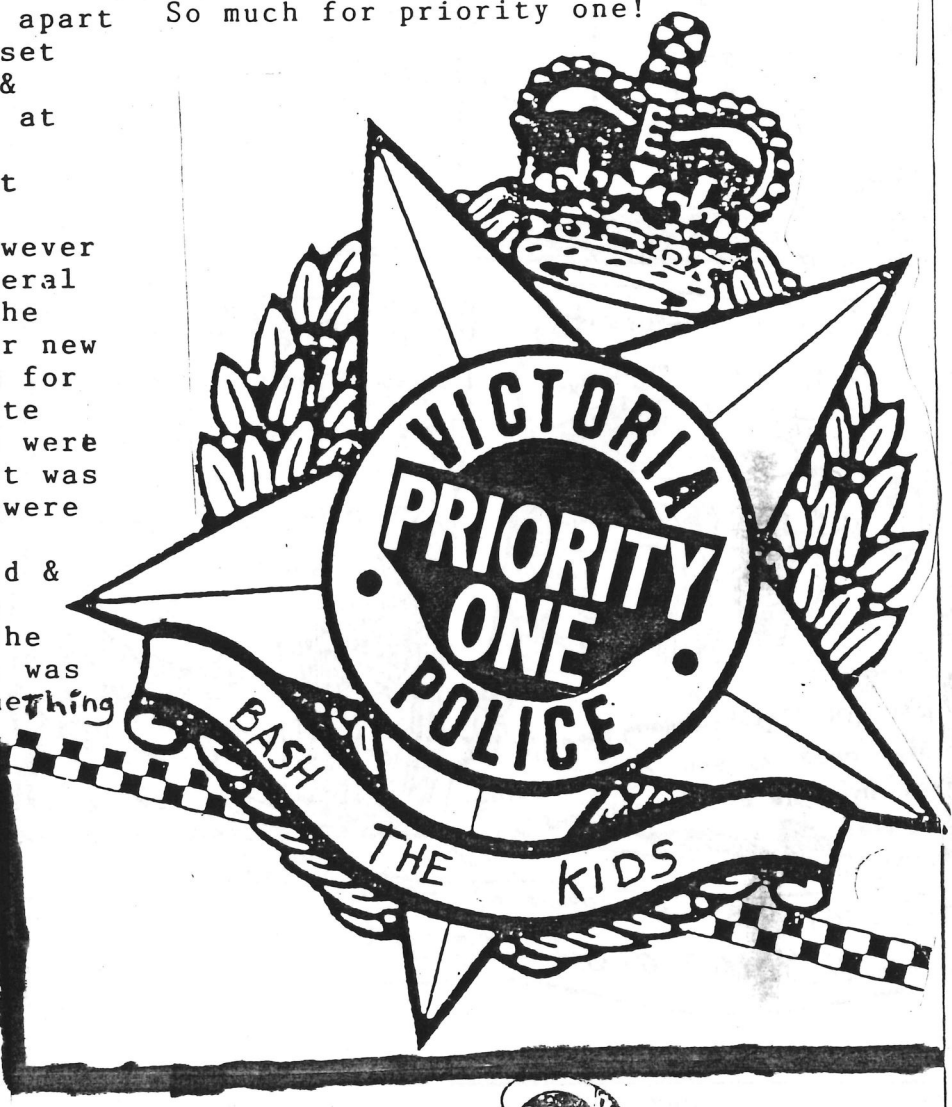


I am looking forward to the day when people begin to think and rise from their apathy. I remember one young man from Watsonia Open Day trying to put us down with- I LOVE Aust ralia, and youre ALL FUCKED. If only he would close his mouth and open his eyes and mind to what is plain obvious. Nationalism to me is like religion, its beliefs are based on psychological propaganda, the fear of something. I dont see Russians running down Swanston St. with machine guns, nor do I see God zapping away the people who lie, murder and cheat. I do see however, homelessness, racism, violent misunderstanding, poverty and war.
PEACE NOT PROFIT.....



SLEDGEHAMMERS & GUNS

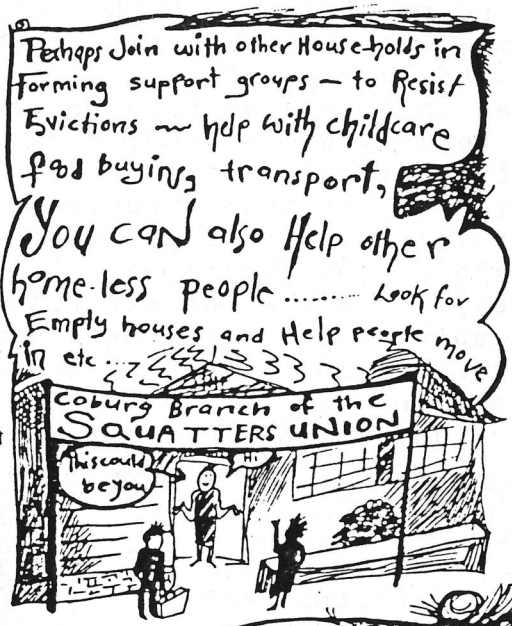
The federal governments answer to homeless youth. (Priority One). Would you like to be woken by 20 federal police & 5 M.S.S. security guards?
Ten squatters had this experience on Sunday 16th February after only one night in their new home in Spring street.
The group moved into their "city apart-ments" on Saterday afternoon & set about arranging their furnature & relaxing. They were relieved to, at last, have a home after moving between derelict buildings for at least three months.
Their elation was short lived however when a representitive of the federal government dropped by early in the morning to inform them that their new home was in fact a storage place for Health Department records, despite the fact that only 2 small rooms were in fact used for this purpose. It was later revealed that the records were schedualed to be destroyed.
Aparently the press was prewarned & showed up with full equipment to film the eviction thus warning the new homemakers something unusual was about to happen. Sure enough something did!
The patrons of the nextdoor pub were treated to the sight of large sledge-hammers & strange crunching sounds coming from the rear of the building. Quite amusing if you were in the pub, but from inside the sight of a 2 metre tall fed. with a large ugly looking gun was quite a terrifying experience. It was quite a depressing sight to see the former homemakers picking through the wreckage of their only possessions on the footpath outside.
So much for priority one!



It's past midnight,
I'm awake again,
Wondering when they'll come
Those ministry men.
Been here a while,
A bit of a break,
As my belongings are packed,
My laughter is fake.
I take a last look 'round,
And shoulder my kit,
Wondering how long,
I'll take this shit.
Dreaming of bombing,
And buying a gun,
Visiting the ministry,
Just to have fun.
We're getting more militant
Day by day,
And one day those bastards
Will just have to pay.
Dreaming of anarchy,
And how the world will be,
When I get rid
Of those that rule me.
How can I be peaceful,
When the cops have guns?
Not any more
Will I be the one who runs.
So watch out,
You bourgeoisie,
We're coming to get you,
And at the front'll be me!

Creating a COMMUNITY isn't as hard as you might think
goodmorning
good morning
woof
woof
Make friends with as Many People in the area as you can. In some areas this will be Very easy and in some places NOT.

Make strong Links with any other squats in the Area, and work out some ways of Communicating quickly for Emergencys.
flags - smokesygnals - CB radios
Police on bikes
COPS!


Perhaps Join with other Households in forming support groups — to Resist Evictions — help with childcare food buying transport,
You can also Help other home-less people ..... Look for Empty houses and Help people move in etc...
Coburg Branch of the SQUATTERS UNION
this could be you

TOGETHER WE are capable of creating the sort of world we want to Live in — USE your own IDEAS - THINK for Yourself - TAKE BACK your Land your Rights your LIFE! end...

SQUAT-IT is Put out by and For SQUATTERS.

As you May be aware by Reading this issue (and the others we hope) it is Not Put out by one person therefore does not hold Merely one ViewPoint.

Although we do Not all ways agree we try to be tolerant of another's View even if it conflicts with ours. We are of course free to argue* with viewpoints that conflict with our own, AS ARE You! In fact we would welcome any inPut from You — whether you agree or Dissagree, with any thing. THE squatters UNION, of which we are all members Has No Political Line other than to SQUAT and to House the Homeless. Any Political views expressed are those of INdividuals in the Union. O.K? HAPPY Reading

* arguing doesn't mean battering people with your opinions without listening to theirs